

**ARNEYS POINT TOWNSHIP MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Township Committee was held on the above date at the time of 6:00 p.m. Committeemen Bomba, Dowe, Newton and Brown were present. Mr. Pelura said he would be running late due to work. Also present at this meeting were M. Stout-CMFO/Administrator, J. Proffitt- Clerk, G. Krivda Police Chief, J. Santogrossi-Public Works Superintendent, S. Cosaboon-Engineer and A. Telsey-Solicitor.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and read the **Open Public Meeting Act**. He led the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**. Roll call was taken.

The Mayor asked Mr. Bomba to start the **Departmental Reporting**. Mr. Bomba mentioned the Industrial Commission will hold their meeting next week. He said they did send out letters to grocery stores looking for someone to relocate here in Carneys Point. Mr. Bomba said the Emergency Management Office is prepping for the hurricane. They are looking at high tides and such. Mr. Bomba mentioned the ambulance is out of service.

Mr. Newton said he had no report for this meeting.

Mayor Brown mentioned on August 23rd Public Works was notified about a sink hole by Lafayette-Pershing School. They also trimmed trees and cleaned the curb line so the buses would have more room to turn out onto the main road. On August 26th they were notified of a sink hole on Applewood Lane. It was discovered there was a broken sewerage line. The Sewerage Authority was notified and will rectify the problem. On September 4th Public Works replaced a broken storm water pipe on N. DuPont Road at 266 PG-Auburn Rd. They also removed two trees that fell on to Soders Road. Under Building and Grounds Mr. Santogrossi escorted the State Fire Inspector around for our annual fire inspection. Mayor Brown said on September the soccer fields at the Rec. Center were cut and painted. Mayor Brown said there was no JIF meeting in August. He continues to forward the safety bulletin's around to all department heads. Mayor Brown mentioned all the applicants looking to get a Cannabis license has submitted to the State and now they are waiting. He mentioned he will be attending the Governor's Conference on housing and economic development on the 15th and 16th in Atlantic City. There will be no cost to the Township. He mentioned the round-a-bout on Rt 130 and Hollywood Ave. The official start date is this week and signs are up.

Mr. Dowe mentioned the Recreation Commission is holding the Community Yard Sale on September 14th and 15th. The person to contact if you are looking at getting on the list is Kim Murray. He then mentioned that the Township is discussing a Joint Court.

Mr. Pelura said first he was sorry for coming to the meeting late but his work ran late. He said Kelsey Mitchell in the Finance Office is taking classes for Finance Officer. She passed her last class with a 98. This makes 4 of 8 classes completed. Mr. Pelura mentioned that 70% of the 2019 Budget has been expended. There are concerns due to electricity costs. Bowtown Creek

electricity has been extremely high during the months of March through May. This is because of the water just flowing in circles. Recycling is also expended.

Mr. Pelura made a motion to approve the reports, seconded by Mr. and all were in favor.

Mayor Brown asked for a motion to approve **all properly audited vouchers in the amount of \$25,911.12.** Motion was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor. A motion was made by Mr. Newton to approve the **Special meeting held on August 5th and the Regular Committee meeting minutes on August 5, 2019.** Seconded by Mr. Dowe and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION 2019-156

DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE-286 JEFFERSON ST.

Mr. Bomba motioned to allow for the Discharge of Mortgage from the Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation program for 286 Jefferson St. Seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-157

CONFIRM THE DATE OF HIRE FOR FLOYD HILL

Motioned by Mr. Dowe to authorize the date of hire for Floyd Hill of the Public Works Department be July 1, 2003. Seconded by Mr. Pelura and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-158

AUTHORIZING ACTUARIAL SERVICES TO COMPLY WITH GASB 75

Mr. Pelura made the motion to approve an agreement with Cirkiel Actuarial Consulting to prepare the GASB 75 report, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-159

CANCEL TAXES FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN BLOCK 44, LOT 6

Mr. Newton motioned to grant Block 44, Lot 6 100% Total Disabled Veteran Exemption as of April 2, 2018, \$4,066.88 shall be cancelled, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-160

CANCEL 2019 TAXES BILLED TO BLOCK 63, LOT 10

Mr. Dowe motioned to authorize the cancelation taxes for Block 63, Lot 10, Hopewell Baptist Church, \$159.81 due to exemption, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-161

REFUND TAXES PAID FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN 44,6

Motioned by Mr. Dowe to approve a refund of taxes paid to Block 44, Lot 6 in the amount of \$1,193.27 due to Total Disabled Veteran deduction, seconded by Mr. Pelura. A unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-162

REFUND DUPLICATE TAX TAYMENTS TO CORELOGIC

Mr. Pelura made a motion to refund Corelogic \$8,387.28 for duplicate tax payments to various properties, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-163

REFUND TAX PAYMENT ON EXEMPT PROPERTY

Mr. Newton made a motion to approve the refund Taxes of \$11.09 to Rowan University for an exempt property. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-164

HOMESTEAD REBATE CREDIT FOR TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN

Motioned by Mr. Pelura to credit Block 252, Lot 7.01 \$14.82 for a Homestead Rebate Credit due to total Disabled Veteran Deduction, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-165

REFUND 2019 OVER BILLED TAXES

Mr. Dowe made a motion to approve refunds to various properties due to being overbilled, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-166

AWARDING A CONTRACT TO STUART B. KLEPESCH, ESQ

Mr. Pelura authorized the awarding of a contract with Stuart B. Klepesch, Esq. for Professional Services in foreclosure of tax sale certificates, seconded by Mr. Dowe and a unanimous vote was taken.

RESOLUTION 2019-167

**COMMIT TO COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR THE SMALL CITIES GRANT
FOR VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES**

Mr. Newton made a motion to commit to the Competitive Contracting procurement process in regards to the 2020 Small Cities Grant for the Vacant and Abandoned properties. Seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

Under **Correspondence** Mayor Brown mentioned a letter from the MAPSA Coordinator requesting removal of Kim Minguez as a member. Mayor Brown made a **Mayoral Appointment** of Officer Donald Haines as a voting member on MAPSA.

A letter of resignation from MAPSA was received by Tyler Deusa as a member. Mayor Brown made a **Mayoral Appointment** of Chief Gerald Krivda as a voting member on MAPSA.

Mayor Brown said he received a letter from the 3rd Legislative District thanking the Township for allowing them to use the Courtroom for a Mobile Office.

There was not **Old or New Business** to discuss at this meeting.

Public Participations: A new resident John, who lives at 46 Maplewood Ave. said there are no sidewalks in his area so he has been walking his dog by the road in the grass. He said he has almost come to blows from residents who tell him to get off their grass. John asked if there is a Township easement at the end of each yard? Mr. Telsey said there is no easement and the grass is considered private property. He suggested walking in the parks. With no more questions or comments this portion was closed and the Mayor asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. a motion was made to reconvene into Executive Session.

RESOLUTION 2019-165

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Dowe and seconded by Mr. Newton to reconvene into Executive Session. A unanimous vote was taken. The regular meeting ended at 6:17 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Bomba to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all was in favor. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:14 pm with the following actions taken place:

Motion was made by Mr. Bomba to authorize the Police Chief to start the hiring process for one Officer, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

Mr. Pelura made a motion to authorize the Mayor to communicate with Mr. Albert Telsey on sending paperwork to the DEP, seconded by Mr. Bomba and all was in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Dowe to authorize Mr. Telsey to proceed with the Joint Court with Pennsville, seconded by Mr. Pelura and all were in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2019-169
TERMINATION OF PINO**

Motion to terminate Nathan Pino from the Police Department was made by Mr. Pelura, seconded by Mr. Bomba and a unanimous vote was taken.

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mr. Newton to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Bomba. Motion passed with five affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Approved: _____

9-18-2019


June Proffitt, Township Clerk